

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
July 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. CT  
State Office Building, Lower Level Conf. Room F  
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE**

The Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support is holding this hearing to accept comments on proposed changes to regulations for the Nebraska Medical Assistance Program, also known as Medicaid, in Title 471, Chapter 3, of the Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC). The proposed changes will –

- Require a licensed insurer or a self-funded insurer to provide coverage information to the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support without the individual's authorization to determine the individual's eligibility for state benefit programs or to coordinate benefits with state benefit programs, including Medicaid;
- Allow the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support to resolve any violation of this requirement and to assess financial penalties; and
- Provide for an appeal of any action under these rules by the Department in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

Authority for these regulations is found in Laws 2005, LB 589, codified at Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 68-10,100 to 68-10,107.

All interested persons are invited to attend and comment at the hearing or to submit comments in writing. Written comments must be postmarked or received by 5:00 p.m. CT July 8, 2006 and should be sent to the Department of HHS Regulation and Licensure, Regulatory Analysis and Integration Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509, fax 402/742-2382, or e-mailed to [Rules.Reggs@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:Rules.Reggs@hhss.ne.gov).

[Draft copies of the regulations](#) and the estimated schedule for rulemaking are available at HHS Regulation and Licensure as above, phone 402/471-9022, and at the office of the Secretary of State, Regulations Division, Room 343, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone 402/471-2385. The draft fiscal impact statement for these regulations is available at HHS Regulation and Licensure as above. Draft regulations will be available online 3 weeks before the hearing at <http://www.sos.state.ne.us/business/regtrack/index.cgi>

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed to participate in a hearing, please call 402/471-9022. For persons with hearing impairments, please call the Health and Human Services System at 402/471-9570 (voice and TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at 711 or 800/833-7352 TDD at least 2 weeks before the hearing date. This notice is given in compliance with Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 84-907.